

1-89. (Cancelled)

90. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair comprising:

- a) a seat assembly including a reclinable backrest ~~and two side frames~~;
- b) two ~~the~~ side frames ~~being~~ interconnected by a foldable assembly which selectively spaces the side frames in a use position and closely when in a folded position for storage,
- c) each side frame mounting a respective rear wheel and a respective connection arrangement;
- d) the connection arrangement and coactable components of the seat assembly being arranged such that in use as the backrest is reclined the rear wheels are automatically moved rearwardly to compensate for the rearward movement of a user's center of gravity, and when the backrest (24, 230) is returned to a more upright ~~upright~~ position the rear wheels are automatically moved forward; and,
- e) the seat assembly being removable from the remainder of the wheelchair to allow the side frames to be positioned in the folded position and selectively locatable thereon when the wheelchair is in an erect condition with the side frames in the use position to retain the side frames apart and to engage with respective connecting arrangement.

91. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, characterised characterized in that the backrest is pivotally mounted relative to the rest of the seat assembly.

92. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, characterised characterized in that the wheelchair includes means for selectively locking the backrest in a required an adjusted position.

93. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 92, characterised characterized in that the locking means are releasable selectively and one at a time by a user on the wheelchair and a person positioned to push the wheelchair, and are automatically engageable following release.

94. (Cancelled)

95. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 92, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the locking means includes at least one actuatable cylinder, said at least one cylinder being arranged to return the backrest from a reclined position to a fully upright position.

96. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, characterized in that the rear wheels are each slidingly mounted on respective tracks which are generally horizontal when the wheel chair is in use.

97. (Original) A wheelchair according to claim 91, characterized in that the rear wheels are each slidingly mounted on respective tracks which are generally horizontal when the wheel chair in use.

98. (Original) A wheelchair according to claim 97, characterized in that a connection arrangement is provided extending between each rear wheel and the backrest, each connection arrangement being engageable with an associated one of a plurality of elongate members on the opposite side of the pivotal mounting of the backrest, and engageable with extensions from the backrest.

99. (Cancelled)

100. (Original) A wheelchair according to claim 90, characterized in that the rear wheels are removably mounted on respective mounting assemblies.

101. (Cancelled)

102. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according claim 90, characterized in that each connection arrangement ~~is includes~~ an elongate support member, the rear wheels each being mounted on the respective elongate support member and each support member ~~is being~~ pivotally mounted to the wheelchair ~~connected to a portion of an associated side frame~~ and also ~~being~~ connected ~~when in use~~ to the backrest, such that reclining of the backrest causes rearward pivotal movement of the support members.

103. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 102, characterized in that the support members are ~~rotatable~~ mounted about respective pivotal axes which are substantially horizontal when the wheelchair is in use.

104. (Cancelled)

105. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claims 102, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the connections between the support members and backrest ~~is are~~ provided by a strip, mountable on the support members and the backrest.

106. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 100, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the wheel mounting assemblies comprise locking members selectively engageable to lock the wheels on the respective assembly, and the locking members are selectively operable one at a time by a person on the wheelchair and a person positioned to push the wheelchair.

107. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 106, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the locking members are selectively engageable with bearing members

which rotatably mount the wheels, the bearing members being releasable with the wheels from the remainder of the wheelchair.

108. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the wheelchair includes temporary ground engagement arrangement, toward the rear of the wheelchair to permit the rear wheels to be removed while a person remains supported on the wheelchair.

109. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the wheelchair includes a third wheel arrangement for climbing curbs.

110. (Original) A wheelchair according claim 90, further including front wheels characterized by the height of the front wheels being adjustable.

111. (Original) A wheelchair according to claim 90, further including selectively removable arm rests.

112. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 111, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the arm rests are pivotally movable in a respective substantially vertical planes when the wheelchair is in use.

113. (Cancelled)

114. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair according to claim 90, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the side frames are interconnected by foldable assemblies such that in an erect condition the foldable assembly assemblies space the side frames from each other, and

in a foldable condition the side frames ~~and foldable assemblies~~ lie substantially flat on each other.

115. (New) A wheelchair comprising:

- a) a seat assembly including a reclinable backrest;
- b) two side frames interconnected by a foldable assembly which selectively spaces the side frames in a use position and when in a folded position for storage;
- c) each side frame mounting a respective rear wheel and a respective connection arrangement;
- d) the connection arrangements being arranged such that in use as the backrest is reclined the rear wheels are automatically moved rearwardly to compensate for the rearward movement of a user's center of gravity, and when the backrest is returned to a more upright position the rear wheels are automatically moved forward;
- e) the seat assembly being removable from the remainder of the wheelchair and selectively locatable thereon when the chair is in an erect condition to retain the side frames apart and to engage with respective connecting arrangement; and
- f) the wheelchair including locking means, including a ratchet arrangement for selectively locking the backrest in a required position.

116. (New) A wheelchair comprising:

- a) a seat assembly including a reclinable backrest;
- b) two side frames interconnected by a foldable assembly which selectively spaces the side frames in a use position and when in a folded position for storage;
- c) each side frame mounting a respective rear wheel and a respective connection arrangement;
- d) the connection arrangements being arranged such that in use as the backrest is reclined the rear wheels are automatically moved rearwardly to compensate for the rearward movement of a user's center of gravity, and when the backrest is returned to a more upright position the rear wheels are automatically moved forward;

- e) the seat assembly being removable from the remainder of the wheelchair and selectively locatable thereon when the chair is in an erect condition to retain the side frames apart and to engage with respective connecting arrangement; and
- f) the rear wheels each being slidably mounted on respective tracks which are generally horizontal when the wheel chair in use; and
- g) each elongate member being removably engageable between two respectively associated abutment members, which abutment members are slidably mounted on an associated one of two second tracks respectively positioned on the side frames.

117. (New) A wheelchair comprising:

- a) a seat assembly including a reclinable backrest;
- b) two side frames being interconnected by a foldable assembly which selectively spaces the side frames in a use position and when in a folded position for storage;
- c) each side frame mounting a respective rear wheel and a respective connection arrangement;
- d) the connection arrangements being arranged such that in use as the backrest is reclined the rear wheels are automatically moved rearwardly to compensate for the rearward movement of a user's center of gravity, and when the backrest is returned to a more upright position the rear wheels are automatically moved forward;
- e) the seat assembly being removable from the remainder of the wheelchair and selectively locatable thereon when the chair is in an erect condition to retain the side frames apart and to engage with respective connecting arrangement;
- f) said rear wheels being removably mounted on respective mounting assemblies; and
- g) handbrake arrangements for the rear wheels;
- h) the handbrake arrangements being connected to the wheel mounting assemblies to be movable therewith; and
- i) adjustment means operably connected to the handbrake arrangements.

118. (New) A wheelchair comprising:

- a) a seat assembly including a reclinable backrest;

- b) two side frames being interconnected by a foldable assembly which selectively spaces the side frames in a use position and when in a folded position for storage;
- c) each side frame mounting a respective rear wheel and a respective connection arrangement;
- d) the connection arrangements being arranged such that in use as the backrest is reclined the rear wheels are automatically moved rearwardly to compensate for the rearward movement of a user's center of gravity, and when the backrest is returned to a more upright position the rear wheels are automatically moved forward;
- e) the seat assembly being removable from the remainder of the wheelchair and selectively locatable thereon when the chair is in an erect condition to retain the side frames apart and to engage with respective connecting arrangement;
- f) selectively removable arms connected to the seat assembly; and
- g) side curtains selectively extendible downwardly from the arm rests.